

Please add new Claims 18 and 19 as follows:

--18. A method of producing an amino acid or nucleic acid by fermentation, which comprises culturing the coryneform bacterium of Claim 14, in a culture medium to form and thereby accumulate the amino acid or nucleic acid in the culture medium and collecting the amino acid or nucleic acid from the culture medium.

19. A method of producing an amino acid or nucleic acid by fermentation, which comprises culturing the coryneform bacterium of Claim 15, in a culture medium to form and thereby accumulate the amino acid or nucleic acid in the culture medium and collecting the amino acid or nucleic acid from the culture medium.--

REMARKS

Claims 12, 16 and 17 have been amended. New Claims 18 and 19 have been added. Hence, Claims 1-19 are now active and under consideration in this case.

Applicants have amended the Claims to clarify the present invention. The specification has been amended to add appropriate section headings. All of the above amendments are supported by the Claims and disclosure as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

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